1	2	3
2005-06		
1.	Purchase of Winter Sports equipment for development of Winter Tourism in Uttaranchal	134.41
2.	Development of Nainital-Almora-Ranikhet Tourist Circuit	697.51
3.	Development of Gangotri (Distt. Uttarkashi) as a Tourist Destination	481.42
4.	Development of Kedarnath (Distt. Rudraprayag) as a Tourist Destination	453.13
5.	Integrated Development of Himkunt Sahib-Ghangharia-Valley of Flowers in Distt. Chamoli as a Tourist Circuit	653.54
6.	Rural Tourism Project in Agora village (Dodital) (Distt. Uttarkashi)	48.50
7.	Development of Hub Village at Mottad and its Satellite Station	48.05
8.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Chekhoni Bora, Distt. Champawat.	44.20
9.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Koti, Indroli	47.10
10.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mana, Distt. Chamoli	50.00
11.	Development of Rural Tourism (Eco Tourism) in Devriyatal at Village Sari, Distt. Rudraprayag	45.14
12.	Virasat Festival, 2005	15.00
13.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at Village Jageshwar (Distt. Almora)	20.00
	TOTAL :	2738.00

Revenue earned from foreign tourists

836. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited the country during each of the last five calendar years;

(b) the foreign exchange earned during the each of the last three calendar years;

(c) the share of Rajasthan out of it and percentage, year-wise and the number of foreign tourists visited, country-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to augment infrastructural facilities in Rajasthan to attract more foreign tourists;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the percentage share of India, in world tourism and how does it compare with other South Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The foreign tourist arrivals to India and foreign exchange earnings during the last five years are as follows:—

Year	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (in million)	Foreign Exchange Earnings (In million US$)
2001	2.54	3042
2002	2.38	2923
2003	2.72	3533
2004	3.46	4769
2005*	3.92	5731

*Provisional

(c) A foreign tourist after arriving in India may visit more than one State, and different places/destinations within a State. As such, data on State-wise visits of foreign tourists is maintained by the State Governments. The number of foreign tourist visits and percentage share of Rajasthan, in total foreign tourist visits to all States, during the years 2001 to 2005 is as follows:—

Year	Foreign tourist visits to all States (in lakhs)	Foreign tourist visits to Rajasthan (in lakhs)	%Share of Rajasthan
2001	54.36	6.08	11.2
2002	51.58	4.28	8.3
2003	67.08	6.29	9.4
2004	82.97	9.72	11.7
2005*	99.34	11.31	11.4

*Provisional

A statement giving Nationality-wise visits of foreign tourists to the State of Rajasthan for the period 2001 to 2005 is enclosed. Data on State-wise foreign exchange earnings is not maintained.

(d) and e) Development of tourism in the States is the responsibility of the State Governments. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance to all the States, including the State of Rajasthan, for various infrastructure projects under its Plan scheme for development of infrastructure in seleced tourist circuits and destinations. During the 10th Five Year Plan, 44 projects have been sanctioned for the State of Rajasthan so far and an amount of Rs. 77.89 crore has been sanctioned.

(f) India's share in foreign tourist arrivals during 2005 is estimated at 0.49% of the total World arrivals. Among the South Asian Countries, *viz*. Banlgadesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, India's share is 49% for the year 2005.

Statement

Revenue earned from foreign tourists

Nationality-wise foreign tourist visits to the State of Rajasthan

Country/Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005*
U.K.	74776	48925	63950	91336	120169
France	89948	50890	94500	139565	169485
Italy	33359	22380	38122	59505	84780

Country/Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005*
Canada	15237	10720	22221	33731	52873
USA	41768	27873	41684	68535	105074
Germany	47761	30920	50006	71978	94056
Australia	24611	15830	23840	41090	61921
Switzerland	17147	20397	17211	29320	45662
Japan	29654	12564	18794	24811	29979
Sri Lanka	701	1439	2023	3263	311
Othes	233321	186499	256209	408638	366854
TOTAL :	608283	428437	628560	971772	1131164

* Provisional

Tea tourism in Darjeeling

837. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to expand tea tourism in Darjeeling;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.